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DETAILED ACTION

Action Background

1. This action is responsive to the applicant's amendment, filed on 12/19/05.
2. Examiner withdraws rejections to claims 1, 4, and 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §101.
3. Examiner withdraws rejections to claims 5 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 12/19/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argues: "*Carroll fails to teach selecting a second set of data within the application, wherein the first set of data remains selected during the selection of the second set of data*". In contrast Carroll does teach the invention. For example in figure 5, the user selected 'the quick brown fox' which is highlighted and remains highlighted, now the user wishes to select the remaining part of the sentence, and selects 'jumped over the fence,' which also becomes highlighted. (See: Col 3, lines 28-30).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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1. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Carroll (Pat. No. 6,683,631)

a. Regarding claims 1, Carroll anticipates the claimed invention by disclosing a method to select a first set of data within the application and selecting a second set of data within the application, wherein the first set of data remains selected during the selection of the second set of data (See Fig. 6 elements 104 and 106).

For example in figure 5, the user selected 'the quick brown fox' which is highlighted and remains highlighted, now the user wishes to select the remaining part of the sentence, and selects 'jumped over the fence,' which also becomes highlighted. (See: Col 3, lines 28-30).

b. Regarding claim 2, Carroll teaches performing a predetermined keystroke after the first selecting step, wherein the keystroke allows the first data set to remain selected during the selection of the second set of data (Col 3, lines 35-37; Col 4 lines 3-7).

c. Regarding claim 3, Carroll teaches a selected region that may be processed by functions such as copy to a buffer, print or cut (Col 1, lines 29-30). The targeted region that has been selected, the user can then process the information as required. For example, the user could cut the selected information and paste it to a new location (Col 5, lines 41-43).

d. Regarding claim 4, Carroll teaches a system and method that permits a user to make a first selection, perform a process, and then make further modifications to the first selection (Col 2 lines 23-26).

- e. Regarding claim 5, Carroll teaches steps that can be repeated until all of the target information is selected and nothing but target information is selected (Col 5, lines 8-10). The teachings allow the user to select portions within data that have been pre-selected. The second portion of selected data can be selected because of the repeated actions of selection.
- f. Regarding claims 6 and 13, Carroll teaches target information regions that are noncontiguous without having to select and process each of the noncontiguous target information regions separately (Col 2, lines 6-8).
- g. Regarding claims 7,14, and 20, Carroll teaches a preferred embodiment of a electronic document that is text-based, where the user has selected a region of text (Col 3, lines 15-17).
- h. Regarding claim 8 and 16, Carroll teaches selecting text when a positional indicator is manipulated in one direction and deselecting text when a positional indicator is manipulated in a second direction (Col 2, lines 11-13).
- i. Regarding claim 9, Carroll teaches Windows 95, 98, or NT applications and electronic documents (Col 2, line 66; Col 3, line 15) that allow for manipulating data. Carroll teaches as discussed above selecting a first set of data, performing a predetermined keystroke, and selecting a second set of data, wherein the first set of data remains selected during the selection of the second set of data.
- j. Regarding claim 10, Carroll teaches steps that can be repeated until all of the target information is selected and nothing but target information is selected

(Col 5, lines 8-10). The teachings allow the user to select a first and second portion within data that have been pre-selected. By striking a predetermined set of keystrokes on keys, the user preferably creates a begin active select delimiter (Col 4, lines 5-7).

k. Regarding claim 11, Carroll teaches target information that has been selected the user can process for example, the user could print, copy, or delete the selected text (Col 5, lines 20-22). Copying data precedes pasting data, which are sequential functions.

l. Regarding claim 12, Carroll teaches a deselected region having a predetermined boundary, or otherwise distinguished from selected region. Once the target region has been selected, the user and then process the information as required. For example, the user could cut the selected information and paste it to a new location (Col 5, lines 38-43). Manipulation includes for example, print, copy, or deleting the selected text (Col 5, lines 21-22).

m. Regarding claim 15, Carroll teaches an application for writing computer code in the form Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML) (Col 4, lines 40-41).

n. Regarding claim 17, Carroll discloses Windows 95, 98, or NT applications and electronic documents (Col 2, line 66; Col 3, line 15) that allows the user to write computer code in the form Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML) (Col 4, lines 40-41). Carroll additionally discloses selecting a first and second set of data, performing a predetermined keystroke in between the selection while the first set of data remains selected (See Fig. 6, elements 104 and 106; Col 3, lines

35-37; Col 4 lines 3-7). Carroll teaches selecting a portion of one of the selected sets of data as discussed above in claim 5 rejection. Carroll suggests pasting the selected sets of data to a predetermined area, which one must paste once they have cut or copied data, and manipulating the selected portion after pasting. Manipulation includes for example, print, copy, or delete the selected text (Col 5, lines 21-22).

o. Regarding claim 18, Carroll proposes a step of copying the selected sets of data, prior to the pasting step. The selected region may be then processed by functions such as copy to a buffer, print or cut (Col 1, lines 29-30). One of ordinary skill in the art knows that one must copy selected data prior to it being pasted to a predetermined area.

p. Regarding claim 19, Carroll proposes a step of cutting the selected sets of data, prior to the pasting step. The selected region may be then processed by functions such as copy to a buffer, print or cut (Col 1, lines 29-30). One must cut selected data prior to it being pasted to a predetermined area.

q. Regarding claim 21, Carroll teaches preparation and storage of computer software in a machine-readable format such as a floppy or other magnetic, optical or other drive, which upon execution carries out the selective highlight actions of the invention (Col 4, lines 48-52). The software lends itself to the executing the selection of first and second sets of data, while the first set of data remains selected based upon a predetermined keystroke, and selecting a portion of one of the selected sets of data.

r. Regarding claim 22, Carroll teaches sets of directions could be adjusted, either by adjustments to the programming code (Col 5, lines 55-57). The programming code can be adjusted to cut, copy, paste, de-select a set or sets of data, and manipulate the selected portion.

s. Regarding claim 23, Carroll teaches a workstation including a display screen, a CPU, storage and memory, connected by an electronic bus and related circuitry, as well as a keyboard for input (Col 2, lines 57,60-63; Col 3, line 4).

The electronic text-based document (Col 3 lines 15-16) that allow the user to select first and second set of data within the application, wherein the first set of data remains selected during the selection of the second set of data based upon a predetermined keystroke, and a portion selection system as discussed above.

t. Regarding claim 24, Carroll discloses pasting the selected sets of data to a predetermined area and manipulating the selected portion after pasting. Manipulation system includes for example, print, copy, or delete the selected text (Col 5, lines 21-22).

u. Regarding claim 25, Carroll discloses the system of copying, cutting, pasting, (Col 1 lines 29-30) and de-selecting a selected set of data (Col 2, lines 11-12).

v. Regarding claim 26, Carroll discloses an undo system for de-selecting selected set of data (Col 2, lines 11-12, 16-20).

Conclusion

1. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

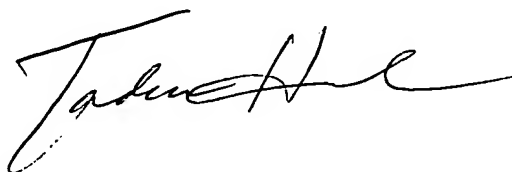
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Velma D. Canaday whose telephone number is 571-272-2674. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on 571-272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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